

## Our Parish...



St. John's Parish - is part of the St. Lawrence Pastoral Area - together with The Sacred Heart Church, Killea, The Cathedral and Ss Joseph and Benildus

### Priests:

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### MASS TIMES:

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 6.15p.m.  
Sunday 9.00a.m. & 12 noon  
Sunday 10.00a.m. (Polish)

#### Weekday Masses: 10.00a.m.

No Mass on Saturday mornings.

The 10.00a.m. mass each Friday is offered for the Holy Souls.

#### Holyday Masses:

Vigil Mass at 6.15p.m. - evening before  
10.00a.m. Mass only on the day.



**Cry Chapel (Jim Grant Rooms)** - for parents with young children. You are very welcome!

### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Come and sit quietly before God in the Blessed Sacrament, in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel, open Mon to Fri from 10.30am to 11.30am.



### YOUR PRAYERS

You are asked to remember in your prayers, those members of our Christian Community of St. John's who are ill at home or in hospital at this time, that the Lord may make them comfortable in their illness towards a speedy recovery and help their loved ones to care for them.

## Services in St John's



### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

are available to bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound after the 6.15 p.m. Mass every Saturday, and after the 10.00 a.m. Mass on the First Friday of every month.

### COMMUNION TO THE SICK

We, the Minister's of the Eucharist in St. John's church are available to bring Holy Communion to the sick or housebound after 6.15 Mass on Saturdays & after 10 Mass on First Fridays. Please leave name(s) into Sacristy or ring 086 1087003.

**Morning Prayer** - takes place during the 10.00a.m. Mass on Fridays.

### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

The novena is held every Monday morning during the 10.00a.m. Mass.

**Confessions: - every Saturday evening from 5.45, before the Vigil Mass.**

**Coffee Morning** - each Wednesday morning after the 10.00.m. Mass.  
*All are welcome.*



**The Rosary** - is recited each weekday morning prior to the 10.00am Mass.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The monthly collection for St. Vincent de Paul is being taken up at all Masses in St. John's on the first Sunday of each month.

### ST. JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP.

We meet every Monday evening at 7.45p.m. in the Upper Sacristy with a time of prayer and worship.  
*All are welcome.*

### LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meet at no 23 Virginia Crescent, Good Shepherd Convent, Hennessy's Road each Monday morning at 11.15am. For more information visit our website: [www.legionofmaryw.com](http://www.legionofmaryw.com) or contact 087-2530992

## In Loving Memory...



To you O Lord we commend the souls of our brothers and sisters whose anniversaries or month's mind occur at this time.

**Remember in Your Prayers those who died recently -**

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-

**6.15 Vigil - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Kitty Whelan & Emmie Wright

**9.00am - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Jean Breen

**12 Noon - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Jack Parle

### SHARED MASSES:

Jennifer Nugent, Mattie & Kathleen Maher  
Nora McManus, Nora McCarthy  
Angela Fitzgerald, Tommy & Agnes Kelly,  
Nicky & Johnny O'Rourke, Eileen Carey

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

## Notice Board



### Last Weeks Church Collections

Envelopes	€440.00
Offertory	€470.00

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Basket Collection for the upkeep of the church buildings takes place at all Masses on the third weekend of each month.



### COLLECTION OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

Collection of non-perishable food for the St. Vincent de Paul Society will take place at all the week-end Masses during Lent. Baskets are located at the church doors.

### AGE ACTION

**Age Action train people on laptops, iPads, smartphones or tablets**

Age Action are running FREE beginner basic computers, smart phones, internet classes for over 55s in Waterford City. Classes are taught on

a one-to-one basis in a relaxed, non-formal setting. We are currently seeking Course Learners & Volunteer Tutors. Full tutor training provided. For more information contact Age Action on 01 4756989 or by email to [gettingstarted@ageaction.ie](mailto:gettingstarted@ageaction.ie)

### ORDER OF MALTA IRELAND AMBULANCE CORPS. Waterford Unit. 1940 - 2020, 80TH ANNIVERSARY. FUNDRAISING CONCERT.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.  
Band of 1 Brigade Irish Defence Forces.  
Special Guest: Donna Roche.  
€12 per ticket. WIT Chapel, College Street,

Doors Open: 7:30pm - Concert: 8pm.  
Tickets can be purchased at  
Theatre Royal Box Office,  
or online @ [www.theatreroyal.ie](http://www.theatreroyal.ie)  
Óglaigh na hÉireann -  
IRISH DEFENCE FORCES.  
[www.orderofmaltaireland.org](http://www.orderofmaltaireland.org)



### BLOOD DONATION CLINIC Woodlands Hotel, Waterford

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 12.00pm - 3.30pm  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March  
4.30pm - 8.00pm

### The Tower Hotel, Waterford

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - 4.30pm - 8.00pm  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - 4.30pm - 8.00pm



Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Monday 09<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm in the Park Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.



Lenten Event in the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity: Conversations in Carmelite Spirituality with Fr Edmond Cullinan, Tuesdays of Lent at 11.30 am, Choir Room, Holy Trinity Cathedral.

## Just a thought...



### Prayer for the Week...

Help us to follow your example, Lord Jesus, for you were among us not to be served but to serve, and to give your life for others.

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### **Gardening the Soul**

The poet Rilke was, at one time, employed by the great sculptor, Rodin. One day Rodin advised him to go down to the zoo to see something. Rilke spent hours watching a panther, and as a result of this experience he wrote nearly two hundred poems in an effort to sharpen his ability to see – to observe, to use the terrific energy of the eyes, to pay attention to something outside himself.

Not only artists and poets need to cultivate the ability to see. We all need to learn to get out of our own way, to see what is around us, and to see into the heart of others.

*Sr. Stan Kennedy*

***Not only is there one way of doing things rightly,  
but there is only one way of seeing them, and that  
is, seeing the whole of them.***

*John Ruskin*

### **Questions People Ask!**

**Q. May I receive Holy Communion twice in the same day, for instance if I attend two funerals?**

A. I quote the *Catechism*: "The Church warmly recommends that the faithful receive Holy Communion each time they participate in the celebration of the Eucharist". (#1417) So, if you attend Mass twice, or even more often, in the same day, it is warmly recommended that you receive the Blessed Eucharist as the completion of your participation with the Lord. The law which restricted people from receiving no more than once a day came in when people were going from one altar to another for Communion without taking part in the full ceremony.

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### **Quote for the Week...**

The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man.

*(George Bernard Shaw)*

### **Quip for the Week ...**

*Lying is a handle that fits all the devil's tools.*

***Please take this Newsletter home.***



## This Week's Calendar

Monday 9 – St. Frances of Rome, died in 1440 after living a happily married life. She founded a society of women with the Rule of St. Benedict and became a member of it after her husband's death.

Wed 11 – St. Aengus – was a monk in Co. Laois, who came to the monastery at Tallaght at the end of the eight century during the abbacy of Maelruain to spend a period under his direction. He was renowned for his devotion to both foreign and native saints and composed two martyrologies. He later returned to Co. Laois where he became abbot and bishop. He died around 824.

Fri 13 – Today is the anniversary of the election in 2013 of Pope Francis as Supreme Pastor of the Church.

### ***It's good to laugh...***

Three guys die together and go to Heaven. When they get there, St. Peter says, 'We only have one rule in heaven – don't step on the ducks. So they enter heaven and sure enough there are ducks all over the place. It is almost impossible not to step on a duck and although they try their best to avoid them, the first guy accidentally steps on one. Along comes St. Peter with the ugliest woman he ever saw. St. Peter chains them together and says 'Your punishment for stepping on a duck is to spend eternity chained to this 'ugly woman!' The next day, the second guy steps accidentally on a duck, and along comes St. Peter, who doesn't miss a trick, and with him is another extremely ugly woman. He chains them together with the same admonishment as for the first guy. The third guy has observed all this and not wanting to be chained for all eternity to an ugly woman, is very, VERY careful where he steps. He manages to go for months without stepping on any ducks, but one day St. Peter comes up to him with the most gorgeous woman he has ever laid eyes on, a very tall, tan curvaceous blond. The guy remarks, 'I wonder what I did to deserve being chained to you for all eternity.' The blonde turns to the guy and says, 'I don't know about you, but I stepped on a duck.'

### ***Thought for the week...***

Man's way leads to a hopeless end – God's way leads to an endless hope.



## Second Sunday of Lent

### **Baptism**

One of the most dramatic scenes in Catholic liturgy comes at the Easter Vigil when adults are baptized, come up out of the water, dripping wet, and after leaving to change re-enter the church in their white baptismal robes.

Now, in my parish, the baptismal moment at the Easter Vigil is a lot less dramatic, but I always like to look at the faces of the newly baptized. There's always a special glow seemingly inside as well as out as these new Christians experience the transformation that comes to them.

Only later, I suspect, do they begin to realize all the implications of that change. Perhaps that's why our liturgy gives us today's first reading, the story of the call of Abraham, to leave his homeland and his family, and set out for a promised land. Abraham's response transformed his whole life. He began a long journey perhaps leading him at times to wonder if he was on the right path.

In Baptism we, too, say *yes* to God, a choice that transforms our lives, setting us on a journey of faith that continues to this day. As we "journey" through this Lent, let's recall our baptismal commitment and let it reflect in our words and deeds and even in our faces at times.

## St John's Church Waterford



## Newsletter

March 8<sup>th</sup> 2020

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

With Christ's teaching as our example and guided by the Holy Spirit, our aim is to represent an open and friendly parish providing a service to the community of St. John's and reaching out to everyone in developing the parish as a community of faith.

### **Next Sunday's readings:**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Ex 17:3-7.**

**Ps 94.**

**Rom 5:1-2, 5-8.**

**Jn 4:5-42.**